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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HAPPENINGS AT MEXICO CITY-APPOINTMENT OF UNEP EXDIR

1. AT INFORMAL BUFFET SEPT 13 GOVERNOR DIEGO ARRIA  
(VENEZUELA) TOLD KITCHEN THAT HE HOPED FOR CHANCE TO  
DISCUSS, IN DETAIL, FUTURE OF UNEP.

2. HE CONFIRMED THAT SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM HAD  
INDEED OFFERED HIM THE TOLBA POST WHICH HE ACCEPTED ON  
THE CONDITION THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ WOULD GRANT HIM A  
FOUR-YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE. SUBSEQUENTLY, PEREZ SUPPORTED  
THE APPOINTMENT BUT ONLY FOR TWO YEARS, SUGGESTING THAT  
THERE WERE STRONG POLITICAL REASONS FOR ARRIA BEING IN  
VENEZUELA IN 1978. ARRIA TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT HE FELT  
IT WOULD BE DISHONORABLE TO ACCEPT A FULL TERM APPOINTMENT  
AS UNEP EXDIR WHILE KNOWING THAT HE COULD ONLY REMAIN  
FOR TWO YEARS. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE FLEW TO NEW YORK  
AND REPORTED HIS VIEWS TO SYG.

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3. ARRIA BELIEVES THAT UNEP INTERESTS ARE BEST SERVED NOW BY A CONSENSUS AGREEMENT TO RETAIN TOLBA IN THE POST AND LOOK FOR FRESH BLOOD TO UNDERPIN HIM ON BOTH THE PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE SIDES.

4. (KITCHEN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS BACKGROUND AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT THE VIEWS ON RAY TOLBA TO THE DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY.)

COMMENT: THERE ARE MANY HIGH LEVEL LATINOS PRESENT HERE WHO GREET ARRIA AT INFORMAL DRINKING BOUTS AS "EL PRESIDENTE".

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